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5 AAC 28.537. Chignik Area Pacific Cod Management Plan (d), (e), and (f)

(d) The seasons for mechanical jigging machine and hand troll gear are as follows:

(1) the state-waters season shall open on March 15;

(2) the state-waters season for mechanical jigging machine and hand troll gear shall close when the mechanical jigging machine and hand troll gear allocation is taken **or on December 31 whichever occurs first.**; if the allocation is not taken by June 8, the commissioner shall close the state-waters season for mechanical jigging machine and hand troll gear on June 8 or later based on inseason assessment of effort, harvest rate, or remaining Pacific cod guideline harvest level;

(3) the parallel season that coincides with the federal Central Gulf of Alaska jig gear "B" season shall open on June 10 or later based on inseason assessment of effort, harvest rate, or remaining Pacific cod guideline harvest level;

(4) [THE STATE-WATERS SEASON SHALL REOPEN 48 HOURS AFTER THE CLOSURE OF THE FEDERAL CENTRAL GULF OF ALASKA JIG GEAR "B" SEASON IF THE MECHANICAL JIGGING MACHINE AND HAND TROLL GEAR ALLOCATION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN; IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT THE MECHANICAL JIGGING MACHINE AND HAND TROLL GEAR ALLOCATION OR POT GEAR ALLOCATION WILL NOT BE TAKEN BY AUGUST 14, THE COMMISSIONER MAY CLOSE, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, THE STATE-WATERS SEASON FOR MECHANICAL JIGGING MACHINE AND HAND TROLL GEAR AND IMMEDIATELY REOPEN A STATE-WATERS SEASON DURING WHICH ALL STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD LEGAL GEAR MAY BE USED AND SHALL CLOSE THE STATE-WATERS SEASON FOR ALL GEAR TYPES ON AUGUST 28 OR WHEN THE ANNUAL GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL IS ACHIEVED, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.]

(e) The seasons for pot gear are as follows:

(1) the parallel season for pot gear shall close when the federal Central Gulf of Alaska pot gear "A" season is closed; the state-waters season shall open March 1 or seven days after the closure of the parallel season for pot gear, whichever is later;

(2) the state-waters season for pot gear shall close when the pot gear allocation is taken, **or on December 31 whichever occurs first.**[; IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT THE POT GEAR ALLOCATION OR THE MECHANICAL JIGGING MACHINE AND HAND TROLL GEAR ALLOCATION WILL NOT BE TAKEN BY AUGUST 14, THE COMMISSIONER MAY CLOSE, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, THE STATE-WATERS SEASON FOR POT GEAR AND IMMEDIATELY REOPEN A STATE-WATERS SEASON

DURING WHICH ALL STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD LEGAL GEAR MAY BE USED AND SHALL CLOSE THE STATE-WATERS SEASON FOR ALL GEAR TYPES ON AUGUST 28 OR WHEN THE ANNUAL GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL IS ACHIEVED, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST;]

(3) the parallel season that coincides with the federal Central Gulf of Alaska pot gear "B" season shall open **48 hours after the annual guideline harvest level is achieved or October 30, whichever occurs first.** [ON SEPTEMBER 1]

(f) If the state-waters season guideline harvest level is not taken by

(1) August 14, the commissioner may reopen a state-waters season during which all legal gear may be used, and shall close, by emergency order, the season on October 30 or when the guideline harvest level is achieved, whichever occurs first or

(2) the conclusion of the federal Central Gulf of Alaska pot gear "B" season, the commissioner may reopen a state-waters season during which all legal gear may be used, and shall close, by emergency order, the season on December 31 or when the guideline harvest level is achieved, whichever occurs first.